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On the day of their wedding, Uatu the Watcher appeared to witness the union. Because it is known that he appears only to record moments of great change and enormous upheaval, many thought that T'Challa and Ororo's marriage would change the world. And, as time would tell, it has...

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THE PEOPLE'S PLAZA, CENTRAL WAKANDA. SEVERAL DECADES FROM NOW.

KING T'CHALLA'S PALACE.
TODAY, YOUR BROTHER GETS MARRIED. THIS WEDDING WILL NOT ONLY MAKE HIM HAPPY BUT WILL LIKELY CEMENT A PAX AFRICANA.
SO, COULD WE KEEP THE FAMILY DRAMA TO A MINIMUM?
YES, FATHER.
GOOD.
NOW, WHERE IS YOUR BROTHER T'WARI?
UHM...

BELOVED?
YES, DEAR?
WHERE ARE YOU?
JUST FLOATING. IT'S SO NICE NOT TO BE RUSHING OFF TO BEAT UP SOMEBODY.
YOU'RE GOING TO WEAR YOURSELF OUT BEFORE THE CEREMONY
NO, I'M RENEWING MYSELF BEFORE I HAVE TO SMILE AND TALK TO ALL THOSE PEOPLE.
SHE'S A NICE GIRL, ORORO.
THAT'S THE POLITICIAN IN YOU TALKING, T'CHALLA.
NO, YOU'RE JUST A MOTHER PROTECTING HER FIRST BORN CUB.
AS IS MY RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY. NICE ISN'T ENOUGH! NOT FOR MY PRINCE!

ANYWAY, THAT IS NOT WHAT I CALLED YOU ABOUT
NO ONE CAN FIND T'WARI.
EVEN WITH ALL OF OUR TRACKING DEVICES?
HE DEFEATS ALL OF THEM.
THAT'S MY BOY!
WELL, T'CHAKA IS MINE, AND I DON'T WANT HIS DAY RUINED BY HIS POUTY LITTLE BROTHER.
I'LL FIND HIM.
BUT WE COULD HAVE FOUND HIM, FATHER.
WHY DIDN'T YOU ASK US?
IT'S NOT ABOUT FINDING HIM...
"...IT'S ABOUT THE CONVERSATION WHEN HE'S FOUND."
I'M NOT GOING, MOTHER.

WHAT IS TROUBLING YOU SO MUCH THAT YOU WOULD INSULT YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY T'WARI?
YOU'RE HURTING YOUR BROTHER, YOUR PARENTS, OUR NEW FAMILY--
"NEW"? WE GREW UP WITH THE CAGES! HOW CAN HE MARRY A GIRL WE WERE PRACTICALLY COUSINS WITH?
NOT LONG AGO, COUSINS DID MARRY
NOW TELL ME. WHAT'S REALLY BOTHERING YOU?
I GET WHAT THIS WEDDING IS REALLY ABOUT-- IT'S TO GIVE THE AMERICANS COMFORT. BUT WHY SHOULD WE EVEN BOTHER? WHY DO WE EVEN CARE WHAT THEY THINK?
BECAUSE IT'S RIGHT.
THIS IS HOW WAKANDA HAS SAVED ITS SOUL.

"AS YOU KNOW, WAKANDA HAS NOT INVOLVED ITSELF IN THE AFFAIRS OF OTHER NATIONS UNLESS IT WAS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY
"THE RISE OF *EUROPEAN SLAVERY* SORELY TESTED THAT POLICY.
"WHILE WAKANDA WAS VIRTUALLY IMPENETRABLE FROM INVASION, OTHER AFRICAN NATIONS WERE TARGETED BY PIRATES WHO TRAFFICKED IN HUMAN LIVES.
"THEY ACTED WITHOUT MERCY

"BATTLES WERE FIERCE, BUT THE SUPERIOR FIREPOWER OF THE EUROPEANS GAVE THEM AN ADVANTAGE.
"OF COURSE, EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, THEY FACED FIREPOWER THAT THEY DID NOT *ANTICIPATE*."

F-ZAAAT
AAAAIIIEEEE!
F-ZAAAT
AAAIIEE!
‹LEAVE MY VILLAGE OR BE STRUCK DEAD!›

"IN WAKANDA, THERE WAS GREAT DEBATE OVER WHAT TO DO."
THESE [redacted] MUST BE STOPPED!
WHICH BARBARIANS? THE WHITES WHO BUY HUMANS--OR THE BLACKS WHO SELL THEM?
AND YOUR POINT IS?
IF YOU PLAN TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM, BE PREPARED TO FIGHT THE WORLD.
"THERE WAS NO EASY SOLUTION, BUT THERE WAS ONLY ONE ANSWER."
THESE DEVELOPMENTS THREATEN THE LONG-TERM INTERESTS OF WAKANDA.
THEY CANNOT CONTINUE UNCHECKED.

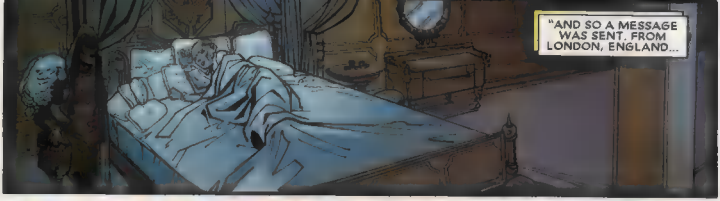
"THE FIRST ACTIONS WERE SUBTLE.
"AFRICANS WERE BOUGHT...
"...AND BROUGHT BACK HERE, WHERE THEY WERE TRAINED FOR MILITARY ACTS.
"AND SO THE *WAR* BEGAN.
"SLAVE SHIPS SANK UPON ARRIVAL IN AFRICAN HARBORS.
"EVEN IF THE CULPRIT WAS CAPTURED, THEY HAD NO IDEA WHO THEY REALLY WORKED FOR."

WHO DO YOU THINK ■ BEHIND IT? EUROPEANS?
WHY WOULD THEY DESTROY THEIR OWN PROPERTY?
NO, ANOTHER GROUP. MAYBE SABOTEURS ...RIVALS ... ABOLITIONISTS?
COME NOW, WE KNOW WHO ■ REALLY BEHIND IT ALL.
I'M NOT EVEN SAYING THE NAME.
ME EITHER.
■ IF WE TELL THE WHITES ABOUT THEM, THEN THEY WILL SEND ■ TO FIGHT THEM.
AND THAT ■ CERTAIN DEATH.

"OF COURSE, THE SLAVE TRADERS WERE NOT GOING TO HAVE THEIR BUSINESS SHUT DOWN BY TERRORISTS...
"...SO THEY ENSLAVED THEIR AFRICAN PARTNERS UNTIL ONE OF THEM TALKED.
"SURE ENOUGH, THIS LED TO AN ARMY OF AFRICANS WHO WERE COMPELLED TO ATTACK WAKANDA...OR BE ATTACKED BY THEIR EUROPEAN 'PARTNERS.'
"EVEN AFTER THE TENTH MASSACRE, THE EUROPEANS WOULD NOT STOP.

"INSTEAD, *ALLIANCES* WERE FORMED. BUSINESSMEN ■■ BUREAUCRATS OF DIFFERENT COUNTRIES AND DIFFERENT BUSINESSES BEGAN TO ■■■ ABOUT A LEGENDARY AFRICAN TRIBE THAT COULD NOT BE DEFEATED.
"IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS HAD GREATER SIGNIFICANCE THAN THE PROFITABILITY OF THE SLAVE TRADE. THIS WAS A CHALLENGE TO THEIR CULTURAL HERITAGE, TO THEIR CONTINUED DOMINANCE OF THE PLANET
"OLD RIVALRIES WERE PUT ASIDE TO JOIN FORCES TO DEFEAT THIS COMMON THREAT.
"OF COURSE, WAKANDA HAD SPIES ■■ THE CORPORATE BOARD-ROOMS AND THE HALLS OF PARLIAMENT, SO WE *KNEW* TROUBLE WAS COMING.

"THE PANTHER FACED A TERRIBLE DECISION. WAKANDA WAS A MIGHTY LAND, WITH WEALTH AND WEAPONRY THAT THE REST OF THE WORLD COULD NOT [illegible] OF. BUT TO TAKE ON THE REST OF THE WORLD...ALONE? WAS THAT FAIR TO HIS PEOPLE?"
WE'RE *IN* IT NOW. WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LOOK WEAK. THEY WILL ATTACK US WHETHER WE STAND DOWN OR NOT
AS RIGHTEOUS AS THE CAUSE IS, WHAT DOES IT SAY TO YOU THAT NO NATION WILL STAND WITH US...NOT EVEN OUR FELLOW AFRICANS? WHY SHOULD WE PAY THE PRICE FOR THIS WORLD'S SIN?
THIS WORLD NEEDS CLEANING UP. IF WE DON'T PUT THE WORLD ON A RIGHTEOUS PATH NOW, IT WILL EVENTUALLY CORRUPT US.
YOUR INTENTIONS MAY BE PURE, BUT THE ACT OF CONQUERING AND RULING THE WORLD WILL INEVITABLY LEAD TO A CORRUPTION OF THE SOUL THAT MAKES YOU THE SAME AS WHO YOU OPPOSE.
I HAVE A *SOLUTION.*


"AND SO A MESSAGE WAS SENT, FROM LONDON, ENGLAND...

"...TO WASHINGTON, DC...
DEAR? WHO... WHO LEFT THAT... THERE?

"...TO THE WEST INDIES. EVERY BRANCH OF THE SLAVE TRADE WAS... TOUCHED.
WHO LEFT THIS? HOW DID THEY GET IN HERE?

I WILL NOT BE THREATENED BY SAVAGES!!!
I KNOW IT'S AGAINST OUR POLICY...BUT WE SHOULD TAKE HIM UP ON THIS. IT'S NOT WORTH THE TROUBLE.

SO WHAT [redacted] YOU SAYING? THAT MY GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-WHATEVER WAS A *COWARD*...OR [redacted] *SELL OUT*?
FIRST OF ALL: TONE.
SORRY, MOTHER.
SECOND OF ALL, I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU STILL DON'T HAVE A BASIC GRASP OF POLITICS...OR POWER. YOU HAD THE GREATEST INSTRUCTORS [redacted] THE WORLD...
WAKANDA [redacted] NOT JUST [redacted] NATION; IT IS A *CULTURE*. IF YOU SACRIFICE OUR VALUES TO PROTECT THE NATION, YOU [redacted] ALREADY LOST
BUT WHY THE *ACCOMODATIONIST* STANCE? WE [redacted] [redacted] PEOPLE.
A WARRIOR IS *NOT* A BULLY

WAKANDA COULD HAVE GONE TO WAR WITH THE WORLD--MAYBE IT WOULD HAVE WON, MAYBE IT WOULD HAVE LOST. BUT THE VERY ACT OF ATTACKING ALL OF THE MAJOR WESTERN POWERS *AND* THEIR PUPPET STATES IN AFRICA WOULD REQUIRE A RUTHLESSNESS THAT WOULD THREATEN THE MORAL [illegible] OF THE NATION.
INSTEAD, THE DECISION WAS MADE TO TAKE A LONG VIEW. [illegible] IT TOOK CENTURIES, THE [illegible] WOULD EVENTUALLY RECOGNIZE THAT THE WAKANDAN WAY [illegible] THE CORRECT PATH. [illegible] NOT, [illegible] BLESS THEM, FOR THEY WOULD [illegible] SURVIVE.
WHY? [illegible] [illegible] RECOGNIZES GOOD? I DON'T [illegible] MANY EXAMPLES OF THAT
A TRUE WARRIOR RECOGNIZES ALL OF HIS STRENGTHS. [illegible] *LOVE* IS THE MIGHTIEST [illegible] OF ALL.

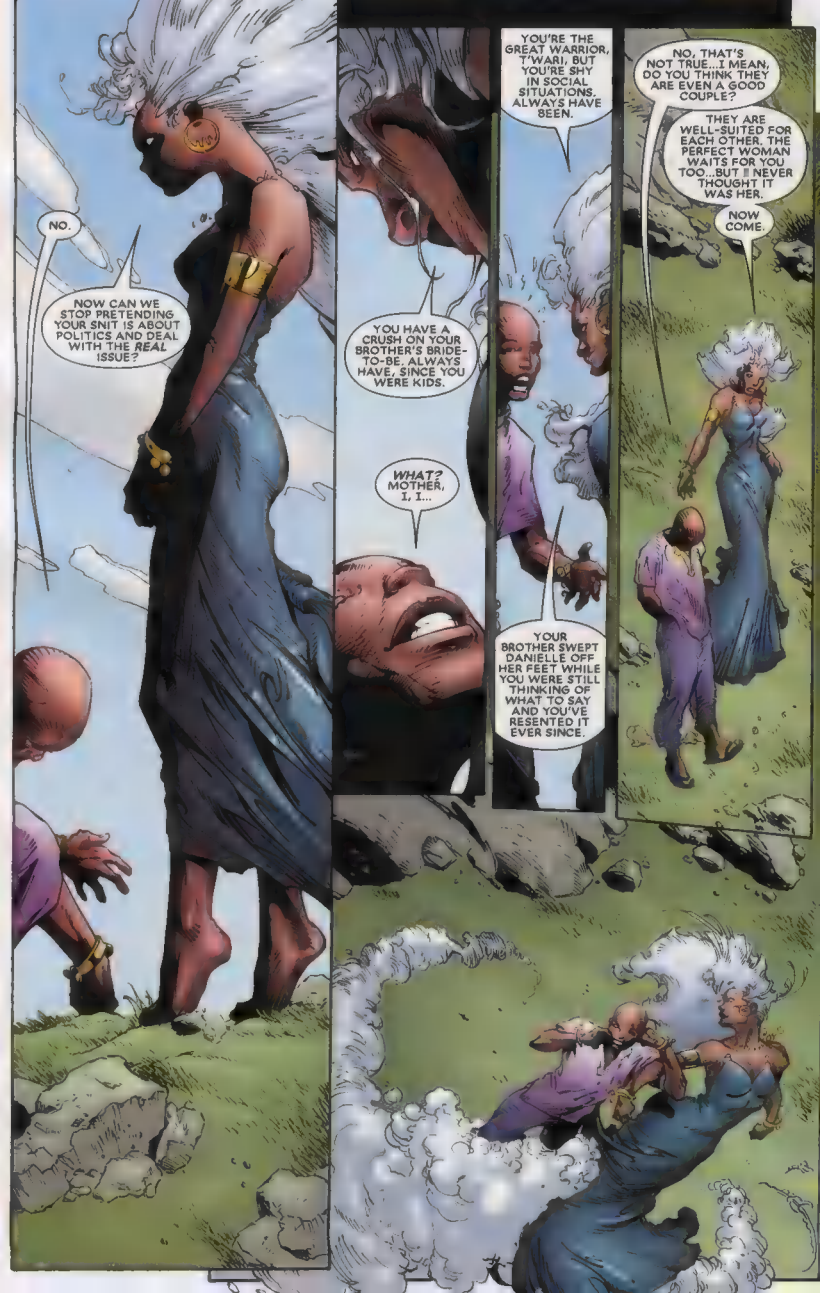
C'MON, MOM, I KNOW YOU'RE NOT REALLY TRYING TO SELL ON THIS "LOVE CONQUERS ALL" THING. YOUR HISTORY AS A WARRIOR IS, WELL...
DO YOU EVEN KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE YOU'VE STRUCK WITH LIGHTNING? SWEPT UP IN TORNADOS? STABBED IN KNIFE FIGHTS?
I NEVER EVEN TRIED TO COUNT BEFORE...BUT THAT'S NOT THE POINT
IT IS THE POINT. WAKANDA HAS MAINTAINED ITS CULTURAL INTEGRITY *BECAUSE* OF ITS MILITARY MIGHT EVERY GENERATION A WORLD POWER TRIES TO CONQUER US... WE BEAT THE SNOT OUT OF THEM.
AND YOU WERE THERE LEADING THE CHARGE ALONGSIDE FATHER THE GREATEST BATTLE WE EVER FOUGHT. YOU TOOK ON THE UNITED STATES... AND *WON!*
IT WAS HORRIBLE. THE *WHOLE WORLD* WAS AT WAR, FRIENDS FIGHTING ONE ANOTHER. IT MADE THE FIRST SUPER HERO CIVIL WAR LOOK QUAINT BY COMPARISON...
BUT THEY GAVE YOU NO CHOICE, MOTHER.

"...AFTER SECURING WHAT THEY CALLED A 'PAX AMERICANA,' THEY TURNED THEIR ATTENTION TO INTERNATIONAL TARGETS, DID THEY NOT?
"THEIR FIRST TARGETS WERE EASY ONES TO RALLY INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT BEHIND, EVEN THOUGH THE PRECEDENT WAS DANGEROUS.
"NO TEARS WERE SHED OVER THE DEATH OF DOOM.
"NOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ATLANTIS, WHICH WAS LITERALLY OUT OF EVERYONE'S EYESIGHT.
"FATHER'S CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE U.S. KEPT YOU OFF THE TARGET LIST FOR A WHILE, BUT INEVITABLY, ANY AUTONOMOUS POWER WITH OUR RESOURCES AND THE ABILITY TO DEFEND THEM WAS TOO MUCH FOR THEM TO TOLERATE.

"EVENTUALLY, *WAR* CAME TO OUR DOORSTEP."

COMING UP ON WAKANDA IN 10, 9...
"THEIR ARROGANCE WAS SUCH THEY STILL COULDN'T IMAGINE THAT WE'D BE READY."
OH, GOD, WHAT IS THAT?
KRUNCH
"YES, THEY DID UNDERESTIMATE US. SO. SILLY."
KILL IT!

"THE DEATH OF TONY STARK SHOCKED THE WHOLE WORLD INTO RETHINKING THE ENTIRE STRATEGY OF A GLOBAL POLICE FORCE."
"WITHOUT STARK, THEY COULDN'T EXECUTE IT ANYWAY."
"TRUE.
"IN HIS LAST ACT AS REIGNING BLACK PANTHER BEFORE HE RETIRED, YOUR FATHER FORGED A PEACE AGREEMENT THAT LASTS TO THIS DAY."
"AND HOW DOES AUNT SHURI FEEL ABOUT BEING SADDLED WITH SUCH AN AGREEMENT JUST BEFORE SHE ASCENDED TO THE TITLE?"
"WHY DON'T YOU ASK HER?"
"SHE SAYS SHE NEVER IMAGINED SHE WOULD BECOME THE BLACK PANTHER--LET ALONE THE MOST POWERFUL ONE IN HISTORY
"BUT YOU KNOW HOW AUNTIE IS! ALWAYS GRATEFUL AND DEFERENTIAL TO FATHER...AND YOU."
"YOUR AUNT IS THE FIRST WOMAN IN OVER A CENTURY TO WIN THE RIGHT TO WEAR A PANTHER'S VESTMENTS. DO YOU *REALLY* THINK SHE LACKS STRENGTH OR INTEGRITY?"


NO.
NOW CAN WE STOP PRETENDING YOUR SNIT IS ABOUT POLITICS AND DEAL WITH THE REAL ISSUE?
YOU HAVE A CRUSH ON YOUR BROTHER'S BRIDE-TO-BE. ALWAYS HAVE, SINCE YOU WERE KIDS.
WHAT? MOTHER, I, I...
YOU'RE THE GREAT WARRIOR, T'WARI, BUT YOU'RE SHY IN SOCIAL SITUATIONS. ALWAYS HAVE BEEN.
YOUR BROTHER SWEPT DANIELLE OFF HER FEET WHILE YOU WERE STILL THINKING OF WHAT TO SAY AND YOU'VE RESENTED IT EVER SINCE.
NO, THAT'S NOT TRUE...I MEAN, DO YOU THINK THEY ARE EVEN A GOOD COUPLE?
THEY ARE WELL-SUITED FOR EACH OTHER. THE PERFECT WOMAN WAITS FOR YOU TOO...BUT I NEVER THOUGHT IT WAS HER.
NOW COME.

THE WEDDING HAS GREAT SIGNIFICANCE FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE...
...FOR SOME, IT SIGNIFIES THE UNION OF TWO GREAT EMPIRES...
...FOR OTHERS, THE JOINING OF TWO GREAT FAMILIES...
...BUT WHAT IT REALLY IS, MOST IMPORTANTLY, IS THE JOINING OF TWO HEARTS.
BECAUSE WITHOUT LOVE, FAMILY MEANS NOTHING, COUNTRY MEANS NOTHING.

MISTER PRESIDENT!
YEAH, WHO'D HAVE THUNK IT?
GIVEN YOUR STERLING LEADERSHIP OF THE AVENGERS, LUKE? WHY NOT?
HEY, AFTER YOU KICKED EVERYBODY'S BUTT, T'CHALLA, THEY WERE SO DESPERATE FOR SOMEONE WHO COULD DEAL WITH YOU, THEY DIDN'T EVEN HOLD MY PRISON RECORD AGAINST ME.
AND A FEMALE BLACK PANTHER! SMART MOVE, T'CHALLA. A REAL CROWD PLEASER. THAT FREES YOU UP TO MAKE THE BIG MOVES WITHOUT THE SPOTLIGHT ON YOU...
NO, LUKE. SHURI'S DOING A GREAT JOB. I JUST HELP WHERE I CAN.
RIIIIIGHT.

BROTHER?
YES, T'WARI?
I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW, I AM *TRULY* HAPPY FOR YOU. SORRY FOR MY TANTRUM EARLIER. I...JUST NEEDED TO WORK THROUGH SOME THINGS.
NO NEED TO EXPLAIN ANYTHING. YOU ARE HERE. THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS.
YOU MAKE A LOVELY BRIDE, DANIELLE. PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR MY BROTHER.
T'WARI, YOU IDIOT. COME HERE.
YOU HAVE BEEN MY BROTHER ALL MY LIFE. NOW WE ARE GOING TO ACT LIKE STRANGERS? I DON'T THINK SO.
WELL, LOOKS LIKE THAT TRAIN WRECK WAS AVERTED.
THE FOUR GREATEST WORDS IN THE UNIVERSE: "LET STORM HANDLE IT."
I DON'T KNOW IF THAT IS A COMPLIMENT OR--
LET ME MAKE IT CLEAR.
MMMMMM!
"WAIT. ARE YOU TELLING ME *THAT'S* WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN?"

NO.
YES.
IT'S A POSSIBLE FUTURE.
YOU KNOW HOW ALTERNATE TIMELINES WORK.
WE CAN'T HAVE WAKANDANS RULE THIS WORLD!
YOU DON'T NEED TO TELL ME THAT
SSSH! KING SOLOMON'S APPROACHING.
AH, THERE YOU ARE!
I THOUGHT I HAD LOST YOU.
IF I ONLY KNEW WHERE YOU TWO KEEP SNEAKING OFF TO...
THE END